

Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2006

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair La Follette called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to order at 10:00 a.m. He noted that he and Commissioner Voight were present. Board Chair La Follette thanked the staff for their work on the Land Bank transactions. He also thanked District Office Administrator Michael Paus and the district office staff for their work in evaluating the Trust Lands for sale and potential lands for purchase.

Present were:

Doug La Follette, Board Chair
Jack Voight, Commissioner
Tia Nelson, Executive Secretary
Tom German, Deputy Secretary
Patti Cronin

Secretary of State
State Treasurer
Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
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ITEM 2. LAND BANK SALES

A. Sale of Iron County Property to DNR

Board Chair La Follette explained that the property would be sold for \$560,000 to the DNR. He added that the property was primarily wetlands and that the DNR wanted to preserve the land.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands approves the sale of the Property to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the price of Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$560,000) in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes on such terms and conditions as the Executive Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to execute any documents reasonably necessary to complete such transaction.

MOTION: Commissioner Voight moved to approve the resolution; Board Chair La Follette seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2-0.

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B. Sale of Oneida County Property to DNR

Board Chair La Follette explained that the property would be sold for \$62,000. The Board would maintain the right to harvest timber on the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands approves the sale of the Property to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the price of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes on such terms and conditions as the Executive Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to execute any documents reasonably necessary to complete such transaction.

MOTION: Commissioner Voight moved to approve the resolution; Board Chair La Follette seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2-0.

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C. Sale of Shawano County Property to DNR

Board Chair La Follette explained that the property would be sold for \$100,500. The property is primarily wetlands near the Wolf River.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands approves the sale of the Property to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the price of One Hundred Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$100,500) in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes on such terms and conditions as the Executive Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to execute any documents reasonably necessary to complete such transaction.

MOTION: Commissioner Voight moved to approve the resolution; Board Chair La Follette seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2-0.

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D. Sale of Jackson County Property to DNR

Board Chair La Follette explained that the property would be sold for \$32,000. Again, the property is primarily wetlands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands approves the sale of the Property to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the price of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes on such terms and conditions as the Executive Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to execute any documents reasonably necessary to complete such transaction.

MOTION: Commissioner Voight moved to approve the resolution; Board Chair La Follette seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2-0.

ITEM 3. LAND BANK PURCHASES

A. Purchase of Langlade County Property from Helen Jacobson

Board Chair La Follette explained that the property would be purchased for \$140,000. The property is adjacent to BCPL Trust Lands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands approves the purchase of the Property at the price of One Hundred Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes on such terms and conditions as the Executive Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary. The transaction is contingent upon BCPL having sufficient funds available in land bank accounts to close the purchase. The Executive Secretary is authorized and directed to execute any documents reasonably necessary to complete such transaction.

MOTION: Commissioner Voight moved to approve the resolution; Board Chair La Follette seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2-0.

ITEM 4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DNR AND DOA

Board Chair La Follette asked for clarification on whether or not a motion was required. Executive Secretary Nelson replied no and reiterated that the Board had granted her the authority to negotiate the MOU. It was being presented as an informational item only. Board Chair La Follette noted for the record that the Board had accepted the negotiated and approved MOU.

ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Nelson reported that a sizeable purchase of property called "American Timberlands" would be presented to the board for approval in the very near future. The board agreed that adding the purchase to the November 7 board meeting would be acceptable, if all the materials were received by that date.

Commissioner Voight inquired about the cost of the American Timberlands property. Executive Secretary Nelson replied that the total acres was 1,520 and the purchase price would be \$2.2 million. She explained that the Board would hold fee and timber rights to the property and the DNR would manage the public access rights. The cost of the property would be split 40 / 60% with the DNR. The Board's cost would be slightly under \$1.5 million. Board Chair La Follette asked if the property was near other Trust Lands being managed for timber harvest. Executive Secretary Nelson replied that it was.

She was asking for the Board's agreement to include this purchase at an upcoming meeting so that the transaction could be completed before the end of the calendar year. The approval of the Board's purchase of the American Timberland property would be contingent upon the DNR purchasing other Trust Lands that had been identified by staff.

ITEM 6. ADJOURN

MOTION: Commissioner Voight moved to adjourn the meeting; Board Chair La Follette seconded the motion. The motion passed; 2-0.

Tia Nelson, Executive Secretary

These minutes have been prepared from a tape recording of the meeting. The summaries have not been transcribed verbatim. Anyone wishing to listen to the tape may do so at the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, 125 S. Webster Street, Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin.